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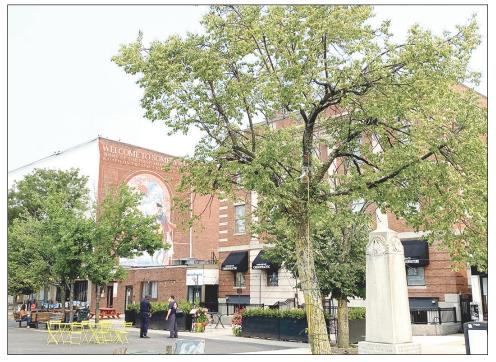
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## **Community Design Team turns to residents** for Union Square redesign ideas



The City of Somerville Community Design Team is asking residents to contribute their ideas for the further development of Union Square.

#### By Bella Levavi

Last weekend a Community Design Team (CDT) led a community outreach session at the Union Square Farmers Market to get input from Somerville residents about a possible redesign of Union Square.

This was one of three sessions that will be conducted this summer. After many more outreach projects hosted by the CDT throughout Fall 2021 and Winter 2022. Toole Design Group, Klopfer Martin Design Group, and Kleinfelder Engineering will redesign the square based on the feedback that has been collected.

Somerville is taking careful consideration in integrating the community in the redesign. "The community engagement component of the Union Square Plaza and streetscape project is layered with different approaches to hear from a large array of people who live, work, and visit Union Square," Cortney Kirk, Continued on page 4

## **Bastille Day at Bow Market**

#### By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

On Wednesday, July 14, a Bastille Day event was held at Bow Market. Commemorating the storming of the Bastille during the French Revolution, Bastille Day has been celebrated for 232 years.

This year's event was organized by Alexandra Whisnant, one of the many shop owners at Bow Market. She said the reason that she wanted to bring Bastille Day to the market was that "it was the celebration of French culture."

For the event, "picnics" - which doubled as admission – were sold at \$75. The picnics included a baguette, cheese, wine glasses and a choice between a bottle of rosé or beer.

According to the reservation website, the event also had other attractions for attendees.

"As in France, alcohol will be consumed throughout the market, there will be a charming mime, and - for those up for a game - a pétanque court."

Other attractions and products that were available for purchase at the Continued on page 13



Organizers of the Bastille Day celebration at Bow Market say the event was a great success.

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Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott, Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, and the Union Square Community Design Team invite you to participate in a series of community engagement pop-ups to inform the future of Union Square's public spaces. The Community Design Team is a diverse group of 11 Somerville residents leading the research and engagement effort for the Union Square Plaza and Streetscape Redesign project. This team is using participatory action research (PAR) to engage community members to imagine and share new ideas for Union Square. To kick things off this summer, the Community Design Team is hosting three pop-up events with activities designed to collect public opinions about Union Square's streets, plaza, and public spaces. Join in at one of the next two events: Friday, July 23, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Union Square Plaza (rain date: Friday, July 30, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.) and Saturday, August 7, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Union Square Plaza (rain date: Sunday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) For more information, visit bit.ly/UnionSqRedesign.

Somerville residents have a few more free opportunities to learn gardening basics. After a successful pilot earlier this summer, the city's Health and Human Services Department will host additional Growing Gardeners workshops for residents who are brand new to gardening in July and October. Growing Gardeners participants will learn how to plant, assemble, and maintain their own portable milk crate garden that will work well in any small outdoor space. Crates may include a variety of vegetables, herbs, and flowers. All supplies will be provided. Participants should have no previous experience - this class is designed to grow a new group of gardeners in the city. Sign up to attend one workshop either Friday, July 30, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., or Saturday, July 31, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Avenue. Registration is required. Visit somervillema. gov/GrowingGardeners to reserve a spot. Continued on page 7

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#### Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of July 21 – July 27 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
••	Wednesday July 21	Rain	78°/64°	48%	33%	WNW 10 mph
<b>*</b>	Thursday July 22	Partly Cloudy	78°/66°	7%	3%	NW 8 mph
<b>S</b>	Friday July 23	Partly Cloudy	77°/63°	25%	9%	WNW 11 mph
*	Saturday July 24	Sunny	79°/65°	8%	4%	NNW 12 mph
···	Sunday July 25	Rain	80°/63°	35%	12%	NE 8 mph
···	Monday July 26	Rain	77°/66°	35%	11%	NE 9 mph
<b>C</b>	Tuesday July 27	Partly Cloudy	80°/63°	24%	13%	NW 8 mph

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

#### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: First of three town hall meetings on proposed supervised consumption site, July 13

andy says:

Nothing about this proposal adds up. Somerville is ignoring federal law. Possession and consumption is illegal. There is no justification for the city enabling consumption on taxpayer money for an illegal activity. There appears to be a severe lack of information about projected use and cost of these facilities. How many addicts are in Somerville? Ballpark? What proportion of them from all over Somerville are going to commute to a consumption site every time they get the itch? It's not much. What does that work out to in terms of users at the site per hour? On the other hand, what is the cost of acquiring the property, building the facility, and staffing it presumably 24-hours per day? What does all this come to in cost per use? Are we talking \$50/\$100/\$200 of taxpayer money per single consumption? I can't imagine more than one user per hour, and even that sounds high for an around-the-clock average. There is also the confounding effect that those users most likely to be responsible enough to go a consumption site are not the most reckless users in the first place. If the ultimate goal of this proposal is to save lives, will a consumption site save any at all? And at what cost per life? And is it appropriate to ask the taxpayers to front it given that the behavior is illegal. Lastly, I don't buy for one minute the claim that a consumption site isn't a magnet for consumption outside the site and general homelessness and crime. Those things are correlated with drug consumption.

#### Villenous says:

So glad they're moving forward with this. Sick and tired of this failed war on drugs.

#### Response to: Intruder just wanted to get some rest

#### Virginia Faust says:

I am disappointed in the Times for publishing this comical depiction of a resident in need. Mr. Scudder is my neighbor, and your neighbor, too. It is clear the City has failed this man; everyone deserves to have a place to sleep at night, and his arrest did nothing to fix the problem that led to his seeking shelter. If Mr. Scudder were housed, he would not have needed to find a place to sleep the night of July 7. Our unhoused neighbors are exhausted and fighting for survival amidst heatwaves and storm. Let's have a little empathy — and maybe rethink punishment in favor of community.

#### Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

First, I wouldn't fault the Times for running this story. They do this, based on actual police reports, routinely. And I wouldn't characterize it as comical either. It reads like a straightforward account. The headline might be a little flip, but not much. Then, I would say if you think that breaking in to a complete stranger's apartment - whether to sleep or not - is acceptable, then I believe your sense of empathy is somewhat extreme. And lest we forget, he allegedly refused to cooperate with the police. That said, I would agree with you that much more needs to be done to house the homeless. That goes without saying. BTW, it's possible that the arresting officers might have had compassionate motives when they gave the man a place to sleep that night. Something to think about.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

## Life in the Wille by Jimmy Del Ponte

## Rock royalty in our backyard



A world renown, future hall of fame rock band rehearsed right in the middle of Somerville back in the day.

As always, these details and dates are

as close to exact as possible as we are relying on our memories. These events tool place around 1987–1991.

Aerosmith is the best-selling American hard rock band of all time having sold more than 150 million records worldwide, including over 70 million records in the United States with 25 gold, 18 platinum and 12 multi- platinum albums.



Thank you, Wikipedia.

We always talk about how fortunate we were to have grown up here in Somerville. We now look back and reminisce about it today. We are proud and extremely lucky, that we survived the wild years of our youth, and keep the memories alive of those who did not. We may not have had a ton of money, but we sure had a load of fun and lots of crazy adventures and memories.

A building on Lowell St. that is currently an auto repair shop used to be the rehearsal space for the Bad Boys from Boston, our pride and joy, the one and only rock mega-group, Aerosmith.

A lifelong friend that I grew up with, played in bands with, and lived on my street served many years as drummer Joey Kramer's "drum tech." I spent some good times in the rehearsal space when the band wasn't there. Playing the instruments and drinking their non-alcoholic beer in the fridge!

Having a pal that had keys to the space was incredible because I was in awe when I was there. My friend also hooked me up with some great mementos like monogrammed guitar picks, one of Steven Tyler's old discarded scarves, and a Permanent Vacation poster signed in gold ink. Our pal was generous, bringing only a select few trusted friends in there.

Years before that - I don't know what



the heck year - Aerosmith was playing at the old Harbor House in Lynn across from Jacob's Ladder. All I remember was crawling on the floor between people's legs to get right up to the front of the stage. That's how big a fan I was. That's all I remember from that foggy night.

Many of my Somerville friends have graciously shared their precious memories of Aerosmith's days in and around Somerville. Thank you, and here they

"They rehearsed from 5:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. Janies Got a Gun, over and over. Now it's Auto Plus ... best shop repair In Somerville!"

A lifelong Somerville teacher who is from a heritage Somerville family that I've known all my life shared this: "When I taught sixth grade at the Cummings. Joe Perry's stepson used to come and visit me on half Wednesday's. My brother got backstage passes for us at the old Garden. After the concert we got to hang out with Brad Whitfield and meet Steven Tyler. I saw Joe's son and he introduced me to Joe Perry. That was an awesome event."

Below are more quotes from Somerville people who were there. Each new quote is a different friend's comments.

"I worked for the floor cleaning complex there for about a year, I got to meet them a few times. It was like meeting GODS! Lol."

"Seen Steven in Kneelands with his girlfriend holding a box of Rice-A-Roni, singing the jingle. Also spotted Joe Perry in his BMW at the red light on Lowell and Highland in the Late 80's."

"They used to come into Friendly's in the Assembly Square Mall and eat sometimes. They weren't that big back then but I still knew they were Aerosmith when I waited on them."

"We were very young, maybe 10 or 11 the first time we snuck up to hear them rehearse. It was a crazy sight when they came back out into the parking lot."

"I saw them play at Cousins Gym Tufts University in the late 70s."

"I used to sleep over at Joe's condo in the Carr school when I was about 13. I was friends with his stepson."

Author: I was recuperating from something or other and Joey Kramer sent me a nice note on Aerosmith stationery. What a guy!

Here is a comment from my friend who was there:

"I was in an Aerosmith tribute band at Continued on page 10



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## By Jim Clark

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

#### **Arrests**:

Fernanda Ferreira, of Everett, July 12, 1:12 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of operation of a motor

vehicle with a suspended license and failure to stop or yield.

Hakeem Parker, of Dorchester, July 16, 6:11 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of

receiving stolen property under \$1200 and larceny under \$1200.

Michelle Freytes, July 18, 12:23 a.m., arrested at Middle-

sex Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

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### Somerville woman killed in boat crash

Family members and friends of 27-year-old Jeanica Julce, of Somerville, are mourning her loss after she was found dead in Boston Harbor last Saturday, the apparent victim of a boating accident.

The incident reportedly took place at around 3:00 a.m. on Saturday. Coast Guard and Boston Harbor Police units rescued seven individuals after a small private boat reportedly crashed into a day marker buoy.

It took rescuers some eight hours to locate Julce's body. The official cause of death is currently under investigation.



## Community Design Team turns to residents for Union Square redesign ideas CONT. FROM PG 1

Senior Public Space Planner at City of Somerville, said.

The CDT is made up of 11 Somerville residents from diverse backgrounds. Combined they speak six languages and range from ages 16 to over 60. This group was recruited by a community engagement firm called Design Studio for Social Intervention. This group is paid for their work and trained by the firm itself.

With this group of people working on the project, the mayor's office of Somerville is hoping to get unique ideas about

what this space needs from the people of Somerville. "We are committed to a robust community process," Ben Ewen-Campen, Somerville's Ward 3 City Councilor, said.

When Kirk was asked what she anticipated, the biggest complaint about the square from residents would be, she responded, "Overall, across the city, we receive a lot of feedback about construction. Somerville is going through an unprecedented construction cycle."

The redesign of Union Square Plaza is taking place in a much larger context of the Union Square Neighborhood Plan. This guiding document outlines the construction and improvement project for the neighborhood of Union Square for the next 20–30 years.

"There are very few places to hang out that don't cost money. Restaurants and cafes are not cheap," Ewen-Campen said. "It is our responsibility to create spaces where people of all ages and backgrounds can hang out."

"I'm very excited for the future of Somerville's public spaces," Kirk said. She explained that in 2019, Public Space and Urban Forestry division (PSUF) was officially created by the city. This six-person team is changing the public spaces of Somerville, including working to create a better space in Union Square.

"In front of Reliable Market there is a little slip triangle," Ewen-Campen said. "We have dedicated so much of the city to cars, we need to make it a place where people want to spend time instead of waiting for the traffic to stop."

The businesses of Union Square will also be involved in the redesign project. "Businesses are an essential piece to Union Square's vitality," Kirk said. "The CDT is currently running several focus groups with many businesses in Union Square to hear their ideas and imagine new possibilities."

"Union Square is wonderful," Ewen-Campen said. "There is a reason that people come to Union Square. It's because we love it."

The next CDT meeting will take place on Friday, July 23, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., at Union Square Plaza (rain date: Friday, July 30, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.).

## City holds virtual town halls on supervised consumption site

#### By Camille Andersen

Somerville held its first of three virtual town halls on Tuesday, July 13, to facilitate the conversation about opening a supervised consumption site.

Supervised consumption sites are harm reduction interventions that provide clean and safe spaces for people to use substances with medical staff present who can intervene in an emergency.

Additional services are provided at supervised consumption sites, such as basic health care, housing support, and recovery services. Massachusetts has the eighth highest death rate from overdose among the states, which prompted Somerville to invest in strategies to prevent overdose death.

The town hall was moderated by Doug Kress, Director of Health and Human Services for Somerville. The event featured four harm reduction specialists: Rachel Bolton, Sarah Casey, Stephen Kelley, and TJ Thompson, in addition to Dr. Miriam Harris from Boston Medical Center.

The harm reduction specialists opened the town hall by providing an overview of the history of harm reduction in public health and emphasized that harm reduction was a movement led by people who used drugs.

Bolton and Thompson gave a

statewide and national view of the need for programs such as supervised consumption sites. They emphasized that overdoses are preventable, and nobody has died at any of the 120 worldwide sites. "Everybody deserves a chance and one death is too many," said Thompson. Currently, there are 100-150 overdose calls (fatal and non-fatal) annually in Somerville, but the panelists pointed out that these numbers do not reflect unreported overdoses.

Dr. Harris spoke about her experience working in and around supervised consumption sites in Canada. She explained that these sites can act as an entry point to seek other health services since places where services are currently offered have not always been welcoming to people who use drugs.

Harris also noted that 30% of people who have experienced a fatal overdose in Massachusetts have never used any health care service. "Safe consumption spaces are immediate evidence-based tools to reduce overdose and HIV/hepatitis transmission, but they are also an untapped resource to further provide an opportunity to engage people in all sorts of services," she said.

After the initial overview of these sites, the town hall opened up for audience questions. The first question asked was what the



Facts concerning a proposed supervised consumption site in Somerville were presented and questions answered at a recent virtual town hall meeting.

site would actually look like and if people bring their own drugs. The panelists answered that the sites can look different depending on the community, but all have safe and sterile equipment and a medical area with staff to intervene if necessary.

People usually spend 20-30 minutes at the site, and there are privacy booths for each person. The facility will test drugs for the level of fentanyl to make sure people are informed and to prevent overdose.

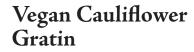
In response to a question about whether there is evidence these sites reduce harm, Dr. Harris cited Canada's decades long success with them and encouraged people to look at the report on Somerville's website that contains a detailed description of evidence that these sites have been proven to reduce fatal overdose.

Several audience questions asked whether this site would draw in people from other communities to come here, known as the "honey pot effect." Sarah Casey responded that the evidence refutes this and shows that people will plan to use a safer space but only within about a five-mile radius of where they are located.

The town hall wrapped up by explaining why this site would be beneficial to the community. Since traditional models are not meeting the needs of people who use drugs, they encouraged listeners to be open to thinking outside the box.

They noted that after extensive research, people who use drugs identified that the services they need are a place inside to use drugs in a safe space, mental health support, substance use treatment, and HIV care. The supervised consumption site would provide all these services. In response to these findings, Casey said that we as a community "must be willing to engage with people where they are at."

## Dorothy's Corner



This is a great recipe if you have a craving for a rich, dairy free, yet cheesy, and delicious substitute for the real thing. It's so satisfying that you will want to go back for seconds!

1 Large Head of cauliflower, cut into florets

2 Tbs. Olive oil

1 Tsp. Kosher salt

1 Tsp. Freshly ground black pepper

The "Cheese" Sauce

2 Cups raw cashews

1/3 Cup nutritional yeast

1-3/4 Tsp. Kosher salt

3/4 Tsp. Granulated garlic

1 Tsp. Dijon mustard (such as Grey Poupon)

Zest of one lemon

4 Tbs. Lemon juice

1/2-1/2 Tsp. Cayenne pepper, optional, but highly recommended Reserved soaking liquid from cashews (1-1/4) to (1-1/2) cups

1 Tbs. Vegan butter, butter the bottom and sides of a 13" x 9" baking dish 1/3 Cup panko bread crumbs

Boil about a quart of water, and add it to the 2 cups of cashews and cover by two inches. Let the cashews soak for 1/2 hour and set aside.

Preheat oven to 400°. Line a baking sheet with parchment. Wash and dry the cauliflower florets, and toss in the olive oil, salt, and pepper. Roast for about 20 minutes.

Drain the cashews and reserve the liquid. Add the cashews to the blender, add the nutritional yeast, salt, garlic, mustard, zest, lemon juice, cayenne, and about 1 cup of the reserved liquid.

Blend until incorporated. If the mixture is too thick, add more liquid



until you get to a pancake consistency. Prepare the baking dish, and add the roasted cauliflower and spread it out

Ladle 2 cups of the "cheese" mixture over the cauliflower and top with the Panko. Place into the oven for an additional 10-15 minutes until the Panko is slightly browned. The cheese recipe yields 3 cups. Use leftovers to

top some pasta for a creamy mac and cheese, or eggs Florentine and sprinkle some smoked paprika to garnish.

To reheat the cheese, add some hot water, a little at a time to the mixture. Place over the hot, poached eggs or add it to hot pasta. Serves 6-8.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief.

## **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives and senators from the week of July 12-16.

#### \$200 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND **BRIDGES (H 3951)**

House 150-0, Senate 40-0, approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill that includes authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The \$350 million package, a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds, also includes \$150 million to pay for bus lanes, improvement of public transit, electric vehicles and other state transportation projects.

"Public transportation is a public good," said Senate Transportation Committee Chair Sen. Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). "The \$350 million investment is among the largest Chapter 90 bond bills to date and represents the Legislature's commitment to safe roads, reliable bridges and modernized transit infrastructure."

"The long-standing state-municipal partnership established under the Chapter 90 program is critical to helping cities and towns meet their transportation infrastructure needs," said GOP House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "Today's agreement continues the House and Senate's ongoing commitment to support this important road and bridge program."

"When building a better normal post-pandemic, investment in transportation infrastructure is crucial," said Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville). "Our communities should feel that their infrastructure is reliable and making it easier for them to go back to their normal activities."

"This legislation recognizes that in addition to the backlog of local roads in need of repair, there is an unmet need for local projects that benefit all modes of transportation," said Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett) House chair of the Committee on Transportation. "And I am pleased that the Legislature was able to provide municipal assistance for road work and expanded funding for towns and cities to advance public transit and reduce congestion."

Sen. Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough) said the bill is a smart investment for the commonwealth. "There is no question our local infrastructure is in dire need of repairs and upgrades," said Feeney. "As we recover from the pandemic and businesses and offices re-open, more people are hitting the roads and commuting once again. This comprehensive investment in our transportation infrastructure will put people to work and allow our city and town officials to forge ahead with the critical projects necessary to keep our communities moving along safely."

"These funds will continue a partnership with our cities and towns ensuring that our infrastructure needs are met at the local level," said Rep. Brad Hill (R-Ipswich).

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAKER SIGN \$47.6 BILLION FISCAL 2022

BUDGET - Gov. Chalie Baker signed into law a \$47.6 billion state budget for fiscal year 2022 which began on July 1. The governor and the Legislature were mostly on the same page since the Legislature approved the budget unanimously by a 160-0 vote in the House and 40-0 vote in the Senate. Baker did disagree with the Legislature on some spending and he vetoed close to \$8 million from the package approved by the Legislature. He also vetoed a section that further delays implementation of a charitable giving tax deduction approved by voters in 2000. The Legislature will soon act on overriding some of the vetoes which takes a two-thirds vote of each branch.

"The ... budget makes historic investments in our communities, schools, economy and workers as Massachusetts emerges from the pandemic," said Gov. Baker in a message to the Legislature. "As we continue in our economic recovery, we are focused on supporting those communities that have been hardest hit by COVID-19, and this budget will complement our \$2.9 billion proposal to invest a portion of Massachusetts' federal funds in urgent priorities that support communities of color and lower-wage workers."

Baker continued, "By working with our legislative partners to carefully manage the commonwealth's finances and by reopening our economy, we now expect to make a \$1.2 billion deposit in the Stabilization Fund through this budget, bringing the balance to \$5.8 billion, an increase of over 400 percent since we took office. We are able to responsibly grow our reserves without raising taxes, while continuing to make historic investments in our schools, job training programs and downtown economies."

#### COLLEGE STUDENTS' TRANSCRIPTS (H

1347) - The Higher Education Committee held a virtual hearing on a bill that would prohibit public and private colleges from withholding a student's entire academic transcript if the student owes the school money for any loan payments, fines, fees, tuition or other expenses. The measure would allow schools to withhold from the transcript only any academic credits and grades for any specific course for which that student's tuition and mandatory course fees are not paid in full.

Supporters said currently schools can withhold a student's entire transcript even though it might be just one course for which the student has not paid. They said this means that these students cannot use any credits to transfer to more affordable institutions or to obtain employment.

"Higher Education institutions are supposed to be vehicles of opportunity, economic mobility, and promises of a better future," said sponsor Rep. David LeBoeuf (D-Worcester). "Continuing to foster adverse practices that disproportionally penalize low-income students go against these principles, and the principles of the commonwealth. It is our responsibility to make sure those who pursue higher education are not saddled with debt or denied advancement opportunities because of limited financial resources. This bill begins to address this issue by eliminating a counterintuitive practice that has no place in Massachusetts."

#### **COLLEGE ATHLETES CAN PROFIT (S 832)**

- Another measure heard by the Higher Education Committee bill would allow college student-athletes to earn compensation from the use of their name, image or likeness without affecting that student's scholarship eligibility. Other provisions allow a student-athlete to obtain representation from an agent for contracts or legal matters; require agents to have specific credentials, verify their eligibility through a public registration process and keep detailed records; and require colleges to establish a Catastrophic Sports Injury Fund to compensate student-athletes who suffer severe long-term injuries.

"Just two weeks ago, after years of delay, the National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA] finally began allowing college athletes to earn compensation from the use of their name, image or likeness," said Senate sponsor Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover). "I had originally introduced my athlete compensation bill last session, but I believe this bill is all the more important in light of the NCAA's recent policy shift. My proposed bill would codify the NCAA's rule change into Massachusetts law and provide additional clarity both for athletes and higher education institutions as they figure out how to comply with the NCAA's guidelines. We need to act now."

"Even though the NCAA has updated their policy, this legislation would ensure that Massachusetts student athletes' constitutional rights can never be infringed upon again in the commonwealth," said Rep. Steven Howitt (R-Seekonk), House sponsor of a similar bill (H 1340). "It is important for the commonwealth to join the 24 other states who have already signed similar bills into law."

#### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of July 12-16, the House met for a total of seven hours and 42 minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 23 minutes.

House 11:02 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.

No House session

No Senate session

Mon. July 12

Fri. July 16

	Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.			
Tues. July 13	No House session No Senate session			
Wed. July 14	House 11:05 a.m. to 3:37 p.m. No Senate session			
Thurs. July 15	House 11:00 a.m. to 2:08 p.m. Senate 11:16 a.m. to 2:19 p.m.			

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

## **COMMENTARY**

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



Free meals for the kids this summer is a pretty nice thing.

## Our View Of The Times



The city's Food and Nutrition Services Department is once again engaged in its annual summer meals for Somerville youth program. Kids under the age of 19 can get free meals at various locations throughout the city from now through August 13.

It's a great way of making sure that the city's youth get the nutritional support they need, regardless of financial or social standing.

The importance of getting fully nutritious meals to our kids, especially throughout the summer months while they are out of school and engaged in lively summer activities, cannot be overly emphasized.

Certain kids in the city may not have the same opportunities for getting well-balanced meals that others have, and this program helps to assure that the playing field is fully leveled and that all are equally equipped with the nutrition they need to properly develop and thrive throughout the summer months.

Breakfast and lunch menus are being offered at Somerville schools and city parks. Go to https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/food-nutrition-services/summer-meals-pro-

gram for complete schedules for all participating locations.

We hope that this program continues through the years to come. It doesn't cost so much to make sure that our kids are fed well and kept healthy and happy.

It goes without saying that we all wish the best for our kids and will go the extra mile to provide their basic needs. It's the least we can do for them.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Groundwork Somerville is excited to announce their 2021 South St. Farm Open Hours. Stop by any Saturday between July and September, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 138 South St., and check out Somerville's very own urban farm. This time is set aside for our community to tour the farm, enjoy the green space, volunteer, or have a picnic. No registration is required, just come by. http://www.groundworksomerville.org.

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Leeann Rollins, we wish her the very best for her birthday. Happy birthday to local guy Richard Nilsson. We wish him a very happy birthday. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Millie Allwood, Nancy McCarty, Susanne Sordillo, Cheryl Chaille Horan, Alice Galvin, Tommy Mcdaid, Frank Tello Jr, Erica Jones, Carol Powers Joan Campo McKenna, Stephanie Ann, Justin Klekota, Peter Mcisaac, and Joanne Tibbetts a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

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All city buildings are now open as of

Monday, July 12, with limited staffing. Both visitors to city buildings as well as staff will be required to wear face coverings while inside the buildings. Staff will be available on a walk-in basis in all departments for quick transactions like paying a bill or picking up a document. For matters that will take longer, residents will need to schedule an appointment with city staff. Many city services are also available online and, whenever possible, residents are encouraged to continue to use online services.

The Somerville Flea will kick off their 10th year in Davis Sq. on Sunday, August 1, at 10:00 a.m., 56 Holland St. The best local vintage purveyors and artisans are back. Come on out and support them after a year-long hiatus. Shop local!

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Enjoy Live Music Fridays at Assembly Row at Assembly Square. Join them on the new green space, located between Night Shift's Owl's Nest and PKL Boston, for free, live performances on select Friday nights. The next show will be on July 30 with The Cast Irons from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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7ate9's National Cheesecake Day Festival is back. 7ate9's National Cheesecake Day Festival will take Place July 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 7ate9 Bakery, 199C Highland Ave., Somerville. There will be cheesecake sampling, temporary tattoo station, games, raffles and more. This year's theme is "Things You Worry About in High School." Contestants will be judged far more on how they pitch their cake than on the quality of their decorating. At 2:30 p.m. they will hold a cheesecake eating competition, five minutes, as much as you can eat. Here is the link to sign-up for the cheesecake eating competition and cake decorating competition. https:// mailchi.mp/1674b907.../7ate9-national-cheesecake-day \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Visit the East Somerville Market this Sunday, July 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Deano's Pasta parking lot, 15 Garfield Ave. Shop local small businesses, pre-ordering is available. For a full list of participating vendors visit https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org.

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If you'd like to combine your two favorite things – art and nature – they've got

an amazing opportunity coming up for you at the Growing Center this weekend. On Saturday, July 24, at 4:00 p.m., the Somerville Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal Avenue, is delighted to offer a free charcoal drawing workshop in the garden. Join artist and teacher Danielle Krcmar in a relaxed outdoors drawing class. Danielle will demonstrate basic charcoal drawing techniques, and then time will be given at the end of the workshop for participants to create a complete drawing. No experience necessary. Attendance is limited and a reservation is required: Please RSVP to Liza Kitchell to take part (liza@thegrowingcenter.org).

The City of Somerville's annual Somer-Movie Fest returns this year with a series of seven family-friendly films being shown in parks around Somerville. Screenings begin at sundown and the schedule is as follows: Thursday, July 22, Mrs. Doubtfire, Nunziato Park; Thursday, July 29, The Sandlot, Lincoln Park; Thursday, August 5, Coco, East Somerville Community School; Thursday, August 12, Black Panther, Baxter State Park; Thursday, August 19, Guardians of the Continued on page 11

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## **FUN & GAMES**

## Ms. Cam's 1 Tio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What US President's motto was "The buck stops here"?
- 8. Which NBA player was told to "Shut-up and dribble" by a Fox employee?
- 2. What percentage of nitrogen exists in earth atmosphere?
- 9. Who is the Major League Baseball player nicknamed "Kung Fu Panda"?
- 3. When was Bangladesh formed?
- 10. Who played Two Face in the movie Bat-
- 4. Alicia Silverstone made her debut in which film?
- man Forever?
- 5. In oology, about what do you study?
- 11. "Come on over, and do the twist" is in what Nirvana song?
- 6. What was the name of Mr. T's character on The A-Team?
- 12. In the film Frozen, the trolls have the ability to transform into what objects?
- 7. What percent of the US is covered in water?

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**CRUISE & TOUR** 

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Answers on page 10

#### The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Buckingham Palace in England has over six hundred rooms.

2. The name Jeep comes from "GP" – the army abbreviation for General Purpose.

#### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

LEGENDARY ATHLETES

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Baseball's "The Say Hey Kid"
- 5. TV tube in days of yore
- 8. Proof of age, pl.
- 11. Medicinal succulent
- 12. Toward shelter, nautically
- 13. White heron
- 15. Poet \_\_\_\_ Angelou
- 16. Where a bib is tied
- 17. Taste like grapes
- 18. First African American to play in
- MLB
- 20. Chap or fella
- 21. Do like Etna
- 22. Auction set
- 23. Property defacer
- 26. Italian vermouth brand
- 30. 2nd largest bird in world
- 31. Informal wear
- 34. "The Man Who \_\_\_\_ Too Much"
- 35. Relating to Scandinavia
- 37. Chicken\_
- 38. Nearsited one
- 39. Bear in the sky
- 40. The largest Asian antelope
- 42. Dolphin great \_\_\_\_ Marino
- 43. Reusable painting pattern
- 45. Stands out
- 47. Cotillion V.I.P.
- 48. Deli item
- 50. Cain's brother
- 52. a.k.a. The Great Bambino
- 55. Oyster gem
- 56. Dwarf buffalo
- 57. Algonquian people
- 59. Body trunk
- 60. Hay spot
- 61. "Battle of the Sexes" champion
- 62. A in FANBOYS
- 63. Altitude, for short
- 64. "Comme ci, comme Áa"

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- 1. Mom in Scotland
- 2. Wing-shaped
- 3. Walk-the-dog toy

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CROSSWORD



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- 4. Bottom of the ocean
- 5. Fastener
- 6. Move a plant
- 7. Pele or Bob Feller when they debuted
- 8. Armenia's neighbor
- 9. Cabinet div.
- 10. Dirty dwelling
- 12. Declares invalid
- 13. Encourage, two words
- 14. NHL's "The Great One"
- 19. Very angry
- 22. Type of English course, for short
- 23. Where women are from?
- 24. "To death" in France
- 25. Florence Nightingale, e.g.
- 26. Mountain goat terrain
- 27. Opposite of cathode
- 28. Himalayan country
- 29. Track and field star of 1936 58. Id's partner

- 32. Frozen rain
- 33."\_\_\_\_ at ease"
- 36. He simultaneously played in MLB
- and NFL
- 38. Ginger beer in a cocktail, e.g.
- 40. Pen point
- 41. Sea in the Mediterranean 44. Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- 46. Talks like a chicken
- 48. Overfamiliar from overuse
- 49. Terminate, as in mission
- 50. Same as eon
- 51. Shakespeare, a.k.a. \_\_\_\_ of
- 52. "Ali \_\_\_\_ and the 40 Thieves" 53. \*Tinker, Evers and Chance, e.g.
- 55. Parent volunteer organization
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

#### Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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8	5	7	1	4	2	6	3	9
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#### Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle: P|A|L S H

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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## **Somerville Commission for Women** looks to make new hire

#### By Rachael Hines

The Somerville Commission for Women (SCW) met virtually on Monday night to discuss their transition to the Department of Racial and Social Justice, the Somerville Safe Streets Alliance, and the hiring of a new commissions coordinator.

two weeks it's posted we get good applicants and make our decision, but it could take six weeks. We just don't know," said Director Denise Molina Capers on the time frame for hiring a new commissions coordinator.

The meeting was also attended by Commissioners Stephanie

"We could be lucky and in the Galaitsi, Deborah Lormeus, Fabia Oliveria, and Crystal Turner. For updates and information about SCW's activities and future meetings, visit www. somervillema.gov or contact jmancia@somervillema.gov. The next SCW meeting is currently scheduled for August 19, at 7:00 p.m.



## Somerville overhauls development permitting process with new web portal

As part of ongoing efforts to overhaul planning and zoning in Somerville, the City has launched a new web-based permitting portal for proposals that require approval by the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Permit Tracking System portal, which debuted last month at somervillezoning.com, is a one-stop informational resource and application tool that completely revolutionizes the Plan-ning and Zoning permitting process. As recently as 2019, the process was entirely paper-based, often requiring applicants make trips to City Hall, download and print forms, and submit stacks of drawings via mail or courier service. When the pandemic hit, staff established an interim process to keep approvals moving, which had its own set of challenges, but they drew on les-sons learned from more than a year of working remotely in the development of the new digital portal. Now, you can begin your application on a cell phone. The application process is almost completely online, simplified and streamlined for both applicants and staff.



The new platform features all necessary forms, automated notifications, and deadline remind-ers to guide applicants through each step of the process. Documents are provided in a native-web format that can be accessed via translation applications, mo-

bile devices, and screen read-ers. Homeowners and less experienced development teams can make use of printable guides, checklists, and worksheets to organize required documentation, as well as a simple survey tool to direct them to the proper permitting path for their proposed project. Each application is giv-en a tracking number, and project milestones are recorded and communicated to both planners and applicants to move the review forward smoothly.

"I can't stress enough how radically this new platform will change permitting in the Planning & Zoning Division," said Sarah Lewis, Director of Planning and Zoning. "We are always working to improve our processes and resources, and this new tool will be instrumental to ensuring we provide exceptional customer service to residents, property owners, and businesses."

The online system and review procedures also reflect new requirements and statutory dead-lines established in the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, adopted in December 2019. Under the new Ordinance, only the larger projects in the city's Mid Rise and High Rise districts, which re-quire more public engagement, will be handled by the Planning & Zoning Division. For the vast majority of smaller projects in Neighborhood Residence and Urban Residence zoning districts, the process will be much simpler, with applications reviewed by Inspectional Services only and on a shorter time frame.

"This new approach to permitting is a game-changer," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "We worked for years with the community to overhaul our zoning policy – the next step is to over-haul the process, and I'm grateful to this team for their continued creativity and innovative thinking. We need these kinds of tools and systems in place to make sure our policies are truly working for everyone in the community."

Throughout the summer, additional improvements to the portal will be deployed, including up-dated submission requirements, detailed application guidance, and a dedicated Q&A tool. The Development Permit Tracking System can be accessed from the Development Review tab on somervillezoning.com or directly at somervillezoning. com/developmentre

## Somerville's FabVille Advisory Board seeks members

The City of Somerville and Somerville Public School Career in Technical Education is seeking applicants to serve on the FabVille Advisory Board. The advisory board will help guide the strategic development and growth of FabVille, Somerville's digital fabrication lab that will relaunch this fall in the new Somerville High School. FabVille aims to complement the collection of professional, semi-professional, and artist-focused spaces already available in and around Somerville.

The Fab Ville Advisory Board will meet on a quarterly basis to provide input to the staff at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and Somerville High School on how best to achieve the goals of FabVille. Board members will serve one-year terms with the option to renew their membership.

Launched in 2016, FabVille is the City's first digital fabrication lab that engages Somerville residents in the creative process of design and prototyping.

The goal of FabVille is to promote educational opportunities for Somerville community members in the areas of design thinking and rapid prototyping. FabVille achieves this through a variety of project-based tool and software training programs including 3D printing, laser cutting, electronics, and coding. Through project-based learning, community members gain valuable knowledge applicable in many developing business industries including healthcare, automotive, energy development, and entrepreneurship. Fab-Ville welcomes innovators, entrepreneurs, community partners, and curious minds interested in further developing a design thinking mindset in a supportive and welcoming environment.

Interested applicants are encouraged to send a statement of interest to Nick Schonberger, Planner-Economic Development, at nschonberger@somervillema.gov by Friday, July 30, at 3:00 p.m.



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#### City of Somerville **PLANNING BOARD**

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

#### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Somerville Planning Board (PB) will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Planning Board will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to planning@somervillema.gov.

#### TO USE A COMPUTER

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4598558266051648270

Webinar ID: 353-400-291

TO CALL IN

1 (415) 655-0052 Phone number: Access code: 586-303-845

The Planning Board will consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

73 Summer Street First Summer 73 LLC proposes to construct a 3-story LEED Gold apartment building and establish a Household Living principle use in the MR3 zoning district. This proposal requires Site Plan Approval and a Special Permit.

67 Broadway

Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc., proposes to modify a 3-story commercial building in the Mid Rise 4 district which requires Site Plan Approval and to establish a Cannabis Retail Sales use which

requires a Special Permit.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov

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#### **REQUEST FOR DESIGN SERVICES (RFS)**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed proposals from registered Engineering firms to provide professional design and construction administration services to replace the roof of the SHA Administration Building located in Somerville, MA

The Award is subject to DHCD requirements and guidelines. A briefing and site inspection is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 22nd, 2021, at the SHA Administration Building located at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

Response to this RFS must be submitted no later than 2:00PM Thursday, July 29th, 2021.

The RFS may be obtained after 11:00AM on Thursday, July 15th, 2021, by contacting Travis Panzini at travisp@sha-web.org or by phone at 617-625-1152 Ext.330.

Questions must be sent in writing to travisp@sha-web.org no later than Monday, July 26th, 2021.

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#### City of Somerville **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

#### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 6:00pm through GoT-

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to planning@somervillema.gov

#### **TO USE A COMPUTER**

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8746674789045895950 511-194-899 Webinar ID:

TO CALL IN 1 (415) 655-0060

Phone number: Access code: 324-727-931

The Zoning Board will consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A

and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

Apres Ski LLC proposes a Major Amendment to previously approved plans which required a

Special Permit (ZBA 2016-75).

Development review application submittal materials and other docu-

mentation may be viewed online at

Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to <u>planning@somervillema.gov</u>.

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP# 22-02

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites proposals for:

FabVille Lab Manager

The RFP package may be obtained online at

https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress landing page

https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/33100/home on or after: Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Sealed responses will be received at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: Wednesday August 11, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please email tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

Thupten Chukhatsang **Procurement Analyst** 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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#### **CITY OF MEDFORD MASSACHUSETTS**

The City of Medford, Board of Appeals, will hold a Public Hearing, remotely via Zoom, on Thursday, July 29 after 7:30 p.m. on a petition of Simmons Realty, LLC, to construct a three-story addition and perform renovations to an existing non-conforming structure at 200 Boston Avenue to be used as a research and testing laboratory facility in an Industrial (I) Zoning District – Allowed Use, thereby requiring a finding by the Zoning Board of Appeals – Section 94-241, with insufficient:

Rear Yard Setback - Section 94-171, Table 6.3 Item #5 (e) 1.

Off-Street Parking - Section 94-191 (b) (1)

Note: Actual number of required off-street parking to be determined based on the number of employees that will occupy this facility.

This project also exceeds the maximum allowed height and number of stories - Section 94-171 - Table 6.3 Item #5 (e) 1 and is subject to Site Plan Review by the Community Development Board – Section 94-332 and Linkage Fees - Section 94-381,

Access this meeting via Zoom remote videoconferencing: Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/91222064272

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Access livestream:

The meeting will also be live streamed at

https://medford.vod.castus.tv/vod/index.php/@live:ch3.
To participate while watching the livestream, questions and com-

ments may be emailed during the hearing to dmacdougal@medford-ma.gov

Chapter 94-City of Medford Zoning Ordinance.

Scott Carman. Chairman

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Call 781-393-2137 for any accommodations/aids. T.D.D. 781-393-2516

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE** PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP# 22-01

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites proposals for:

#### **Boot and Tow Services**

The RFP package may be obtained online at

https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress landing page

https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/33100/home on or after: Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

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## From on page 8 Ms. Cam's

- 1. Harry S. Truman
- 2. 78 percent 3. August 1947
- 4. The Crush

- 7. 7 percent
- 9. Pablo Sandoval
- 5. Bird eggs, nests
- 6. B.A. Baracus
- 8. Kevin Durant

Jones

- 10. Tommy Lee
- 11. Aneurysm
- 12. Rocks

## Rock royalty in our backyard

times at the Cambridge music complex. One of our oldest friends was their

the time and we crossed paths a few

drum tech for 12 years. I met them a few times. I am also in their Let the Music Do the Talking video, recorded at the Orpheum, and our friend brought me to the place on Lowell Street a few times.

Got to play Joey Kramer's drums and Steven Tyler's piano. The drum tech lived on my first floor and we used to play Joe Perry and Brad Whitford's guitars down there.

They also visited there once or

twice. We also got primo seats to a few shows and got backstage a few times. I enjoyed my Aero Years very much."

"You'll notice on the inside of the CD jacket for their album Permanent Vacation they are behind bars of a jail cell. They gave thanks to the Somerville Police Chief at that time as well as the members of the department in the credits. Thanks to Lt. Gordon Harold Fairweather (RIP) and the Somerville Police Dept."

We used as many comments as we could and there were so many! Thank you all! I will post original comments as well as this story on The Pride of Somerville Facebook page, and it will be at www.thesomervilletimes.com.

We were all graced with having rock 'n' roll royalty in our own back yards from around 1987 to 1991. They mingled with the community, were friendly to local fans and quite generous to them too. Respecting all concerned, some details shall remain confidential. Aerosmith is coming to Fenway Park on Thursday, September 8, 2022. See you there!

Visit us online at www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

## **Deadline to Apply Extended - City of Somerville Seeks Four Community Members for the Police Chief Selection Committee**

The City of Somerville is seeking four community members to serve on a selection committee for the next Chief of Police of the Somerville Police Department (SPD). The next Chief will lead the department through an important moment in policing in Somerville, as the work of the reimagining policing process - led by the Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) Office under the leadership of RSJ Director Denise Molina Capers - will be in full swing.

#### The Police Chief Selection Committee (PCSC) will be responsible for:

- Engaging the community in a robust discussion about the type of leader they are looking for in the next Chief
- Working with the Mayor's Office to select a recruiting firm to lead the search.
- Working with the recruiting firm to establish a selection process based on input received from the community.
- \* Recommending three to five finalists to the Mayor based on candidates' performance in the selection process.
- Conducting a public interview process for the finalists.

The Mayor will make the final appointment for the next Chief of Police from the PCSC's list of finalists, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

The police chief selection committee is established in city ordinance and can be found at https://bit.ly/PoliceChiefSe-

Municode Library

#### The selection committee will consist of:

- The Human Resources Director (who will serve as the chair)
- A member of the City Council appointed by the City Council Vice President
- The RSJ Director (this position was formerly held by the director of the Multicultural Affairs Commission)
- Two community members appointed by the City Council Vice President, at least one of whom should represent the city's diversity
- Two community members appointed by the Mayor, at least one of whom should represent the city's diversity
- · A sworn officer of the SPD represented and elected by the Somerville Police Employees Association, the union that represents patrol officers
- + A sworn officer of the SPD represented and elected by the Somerville Police Superior Officers Association, the union that represents sergeants, lieutenants, and captains

The Mayor and the City Council Vice President will select community members from the applicants who respond to this call.

#### Time Commitment and Preferred Qualifications

The PCSC will likely meet every other week at a regularly scheduled time that is most convenient for all committee members. Materials will be distributed for review prior to each meeting. Committee members should also expect to attend community meetings or other community engagement events.

Applicants should demonstrate an interest in municipal governance, public health and safety, racial and social justice, and/or policing and the many roles it plays in the lives of community members.

#### How to Apply

Applicants interested in volunteering to serve on the PCSC should send their resume and a statement of interest to policechiefsearch@somervillema.gov by 12:30 p.m. on Friday, July 30.

#### Want to write local Somerville stories? Call 857-488-5138 and speak to the Assignment Editor

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 7

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The City of Somerville's Veterans' Commission on Monuments, Memorials, and Dedications Committee is accepting applications for five positions - three to be filled by veterans. The commission will have charge and control of the construction of any memorial for a veteran and will have custody and care of the memorial after its construction. The commission, which will also develop policies and procedures to follow for dedicating memorials, will meet when needed to name these assets. Meetings are expected to begin in the fall of 2021. If you are interested in applying, please send a statement of interest to the Department of Veterans'

Galaxy, Seven Hills Park. While at- Services at veterans@somervillema. in. Here are the CHA walk-in sites: to their vaccine appointments. tendees are not required to wear masks, gov by Friday, August 6. For further CHA Somerville Vaccine Center at anyone who is not fully vaccinated is addetails or questions, call (617) 625- 176 Somerville Avenue in Somerville, Help support your neighbors through

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Walk-in vaccinations are available at multiple locations: You now can get a COVID-19 vaccination without having to pre-register or make an appointment. There are walk-in vaccination sites all around Somerville, and just outside it as well. Cambridge Health Alliance vaccine clinics have larger supplies of doses and can vaccinate kids ages 12 - 17. You do not need to be a CHA patient to use these clinics. They are free and open to all. Local CVS pharmacies and the Stop & Shop on McGrath Hwy. are also offering walk-in vaccines. Local Walgreens pharmacies require a brief pre-registration, but can process people quickly if they have open slots and you walk

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must accompany children ages 12 – 15

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#### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ageless Grace Program – various dates – Ageless Grace is a fitness and wellness program consisting of 21 simple exercise tools designed for all ages and abilities. These exercises, based on everyday movements, focus on the healthy longevity of the body and mind. Classes are held bi-monthly in English and bi-monthly in Spanish via Zoom. Please contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email ckowaleski@somervillema.gov with any questions or for additional information.

Outdoor Exercise Group –Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Each class will meet in front of the Holland Street Center at the flag pole and will incorporate stretching, strength training and balance exercises. All classes and groups will be limited to 8 participants and will follow City of Somerville social distancing and mask policy. Pre-registration is required. For additional info or to register for the above programs, contact Chris by email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

WALKING GROUP –Fridays at 9:30 a.m. The walking group will meet in front of the Holland Street Center and will enjoy walks through area neighborhoods. All classes and groups will be limited to 8 participants and will follow City of Somerville social distancing and mask policy. Pre-registration is required. For additional info or to register for one of the above programs, contact Chris by email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Online De-Cluttering Class –Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. - Sometimes it's easier to collect items and harder to get rid of them. De-cluttering can be a difficult process, but you don't have to do it alone. If you are looking for support in regard to downsizing, decluttering or discarding items, consider joining the online de-cluttering support group. With a supportive group environment, you will learn how to turn your mountain of items into a manageable amount. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 or e-mail nnaim@somervillema. gov to register.

English Conversation – Every Monday at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (Behind the Holiday Inn.) Meet people from all over the world as we discuss a range of

topics. No books – no test – Just friendly conversation. This program is in person; pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to RSVP.

Music & Munch - Wednesday, July 21, at noontime. Why not pair your lunch with a celebration of music? This 45-minute session via Zoom will treat you to a playlist of diverse musical offerings: a little jazz, some "oldies but goodies," a smidgen of classical, a dip into barbershop, a trip to Broadway. The music is taped but the experience is live. Your guide is Somerville Resident, Laura Zoll, trained as a medieval musicologist and with a life-long love of all things musical. Your preferences will help shape the session. Learn a little, sing-along, relax and enjoy some Music while you Munch. RSVP to Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. You will then receive your email invitation to join the program via ZOOM.

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Taxi Rides - Do you need a ride? The COA has a program just for you. Taxi Rides for Somerville Residents 60 and Over Rides can be used for: Grocery Shopping in Somerville Pharmacy Prescription pick up in Somerville, Routine Medical Appointments in the follow areas: Somerville, Cambridge, Medford, Boston or the V.A. in Jamaica Plain or West Roxbury. Two Days Advanced Notice Required. For more info, please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319.

Friendly Caller Program - Looking for a way to practice social distancing but still remain connected to other people? Look no further than the Somerville Council on Aging's Friendly Phone Caller program. We have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would just like a friendly chat to look forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

#### **EXERCISE**

#### FIT-4-LIFE SCHEDULE

Mondays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise Thursdays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise Thursdays 6:30 p.m. = LBT Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise

Fit-4-Life YouTube

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Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #3: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fcl2eBSS024&t=158s

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #4: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EDtaldYSz0

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #5: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAnwfwGybTI

#### **OUTDOOR EXERCISE PROGRAM**

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

#### **OUTDOOR WALKING GROUP**

Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

#### **Somerville City Cable**

RCN = 13/Comcast = 22

The Fit-4-Life Exercise Show = Daily at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

#### Yoga YouTube

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Yoga with Janine video #3: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Zezcj9XXBU

For questions or to register for a Fit-4-Life Zoom exercise class, please contact Chris at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600, ext. 2315.

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### Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



What does a sprinter eat before a race?

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1873 – The James Gang robs a train in Adair, Iowa.

1906 – French Captain Alfred Dreyfus is vindicated of his earlier court-martial for spying for Germany.

1919 - The British House of Lords ratifies the Versailles Treaty.

1925 – John Scopes is found guilty for teaching evolution in Dayton, Tenn., and is fined \$100.

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## **Bastille Day at Bow Market**

event included cotton candy. "There will be barbe à papa from 'le petit pouf' available for purchase, featuring her artisanal cotton candy in French-inspired flavors such as Champagne sparkle, lavender, and salted caramel."

The festival was held at Bow Market for the first time in 2019. However, due to COVID, the 2020 celebration

was canceled, so this is only its second occurrence.

"So we did a party in 2019, and we had everybody pre-order picnics that came in tote bags so we thought of doing it last year as a take-home bag instead of a party, but we decided not to, so we didn't do anything last year," Whisnant said.

Regardless of the gap year be-

tween 2019 and 2021, the Bastille Day celebration saw great success in its attendance as a whole. According to Whisnant, "It was a big success, it was so fun, so many people came."

Whisnant also said that Bastille Day at Bow Market will be held again in 2022. "It was such a great party and I'm sure we will throw it again next year," she said.



My friend, the poet Julia Kanno, wrote this poem for my wife Dianne Robitaille. Dianne is at our home and is receiving hospice care. Julia is one of Dianne's great caregivers. Julia writes: I am the mother of two amazing young men ages 27 and 17. I am from Appalachia and Botswana. I am an artist and also work in healthcare. I have self-published with my co-pilot levin pfeuffer two books of prose *a storm is* 



cuming and The hardest helmut. My first reading was done at Northeastern University and since then I have read at the Somerville Armory two times. I consider myself an introverted artist/writer. I give birth to my works including those that have been displayed at the Decordova Museum as well as Howard University and local gems such as The Middle East and Out of the Blue gallery. I will be published in Tell magazine featuring my textiles and art in the spring. Currently, I am studying behavioral science and psychology because there is a need for more people of color to be there for people of color to help end the stigma of seeking mental health.

#### SHE Has Cancer

Good morning My alabaster queen Your smile Gives me ignition for life I wash you gentle Like a newborn Checking every fold and crevice And i brush your perfect teeth And gums And tongue You make me laugh, From the gut Even with slurred speech From this fucker called cancer I wish i had an answer For this catatonic disaster. When you speak Your hands dance in the air I am thrilled you grew back your hair. You speak of how you hate winter And how you adore your man Sometimes we sit in silence With only the sound of a dusty fan. I wonder who you were before The beast got inside When i said i was not said I am a fake and I lied Cleaning your waste Is an honor I wish you could see the rain You have aged me I want to absorb your pain. You have taught me And i am willing to learn After your loss

— Julia Kanno

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Forever I will yearn

## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## 'the whole, lovely, kit n'caboodle'

A review of Elizabeth Gordon McKim's 'Lovers in the Free Fall'

Lovers in the Free Fall Leapfrog Press, Freedonia, NY, 2020

Review by Karen Klein

They don't call Elizabeth McKim, aka e/liz, the Jazz Poet of Lynn for nothing. The 3 R's she so skillfully employs aren't the "reading, 'riting, and 'rithmatic" we learned in grade school. Hers are rhyme, repetition, rhythm. Listen to them as in HEY DANGER, she insouciantly calls "Come on in/We're waitin' for this dance to begin..." repeating her invitation

"So come on in darlin' And rev up my engine Some call it poetry Some call it legend"

It's poetry, the vernacular diction of "rev" mixed with the unexpected formality of "legend" with its slant rhyme "engine." The show down is soon is a dance of her embodied voice, urgent and strong, as she rollicks

The hour is late
The music is blue
The rhythm is fate

The deceptive simplicity of the short lines lets the craft in her repetition and rhyme, the music in her assonance seduce us and our bodies move with hers because in her jazz poetry the insistent "rhythm is fate."

McKim is fascinated with the way words fit together, hide inside each other, create sound variations and echoes. Consider just this section of the poem MOTION/COMMOTION

I like to mosey You like to mill

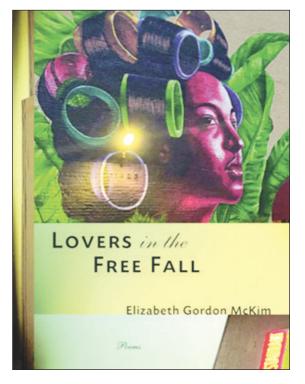
You like to rumble I like to spill

I like to gallivant You like to gamble

I like to sally forth You like to ramble

Her use of words like "mosey," "gallivant," "sally forth" gives the poem an old-fashioned ambience. The back and forth of "You" and "I" has a playful, rocking rhythm. Triplets like "rumble," "gamble," "ramble" change only one vowel or one initial consonant out of three; again, word play. But the prize goes to "sally" hiding in "gallivant."

The book's title, Lovers in the Free Fall, indicates two large, interconnected areas. The Free Fall could be everywhere we are, where we roam, boundless, unexpected happenings, destinations, endless possibilities. Many of McKim's poems are about movement with images of roads, highways, cars, trains, freeways, their subject matter less playful, their lines longer, their shape sometimes formal as in the sestina REFUGEES. These poems about migrants, refugees, point to desperate situations



and, no matter when initially written, are relevant to current issues. Some of the wanderers are persons from McKim's life experience, like Dave who wants to get out of cold, wintry Lynn and head for Flagstaff. But then Odysseus, as seen by his long-suffering wife Penelope who sings the blues, shows up, as do other mythic characters whose travels land them in places they didn't want to be-Icarus, Persephone.

McKim presents dire situations and does not shrink from misery's truth. While honest about suffering, fear, loss, unfulfilled longings, her mantra, as presented in her *DEDICATION*, is "No despair/no despair/ no despair." Human misery neither obliterates nor dominates her acceptance of life's yo-yo fullness. She's one of the lovers in the free fall; like them she has "slapped down and wised up/Wised up slapped slapped down."

Like her wanderers, her range is wide, not only in subject matter, but also in her poetic craft. From the oral tradition, she chants, sings a ballad; from European formal patterns, creates a sestina; from her own musicality performs jazz. Consider the pulse, lineation, eccentric word choice of the opening lines of *CALL* 

You can call me cormorant And I will call you stranger You can call me consonant And I will call you danger

Contrast it with the shaped arc, the deliberately irregular length and placement of lines on the page, the imagery drawn consistently and narratively from nature in her contemporary lyric *STAND STILL* 

Coming to a standstill a heron situated and observant follows lost light into land's end translates autumn air into silence stands

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## Somerville Arts Council brings us: Yart Sale

Did your children make tons of macaroni artwork during quarantine? Did you find the post card collections from your great, great grandparents in your basement? Or are you an artist making lots of artwork and need to sell or exhibit? Bring your quarantine artwork outdoors.

Yart Sale is an opportunity for you to showcase or sell from the comfort of your yards, driveways and porch. Think of a yard sale but with ART.

#### How does Yart Sale work?

You must upload your information to this google form in order to be included (Be mindful: Respondents will be required to sign into their Google Drive account). SAC will then create a google map and the information you submit here will be used to add "pins" to a map. The map will show which yards are participating in Yart Sale. The map will be released and accessible by Friday, August 13. When the map becomes public, everyone will be able to follow their GPS to find the different participating yards.



#### Note - Time will vary on city location:

Our zones and time periods are: West of Willow Ave is "west" and will occur b/w 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.; the area between Willow Ave. and Central St is Central zone and will occur b/w 2:00 to 4:00 p.m; and the area east of Central St is the East zone and will occur from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Yart Sale will take place on Saturday, August 14, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., rain date August 15 (check your zone).

To apply please complete the Google Form application here. Deadline to sign up: Sunday, August 8.

Examples of things that can be displayed:

- + Any art medium (paintings, photography, collage, projections, ceramics)
- + Handmade objects (jewelry, pottery, quilts, knitted items)
- Family Artwork
- · Collectible items: coins, postcards, baseball cards, instruments, magnets
- Plants
- + Musician / band merch items- T-shirts, CDs (NO live performances!)
- Art Tools, supplies, Art Books

Conditions: No sidewalks should be blocked; no tables or artwork can be set up on the street. Everything needs to remain on your private property. No live music, let's save that enthusiasm for PorchFest. No food or pastries for sale.

Questions? Contact: iaritza menjivar – imenjivar(at)somervillema.gov.

## **Celebration of Immigrant Communities**

The SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) will be hosting an event to celebrate and recognize the contributions of immigrants in our community on Friday, July 23, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street. There will be a special focus on the ways in which immigrant workers and families have played a vital role on the front lines throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery process.

Friday, July 23, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St., Somerville.

This free event will feature music, ice cream, and community speakers. To RSVP, please visit https://bit.ly/svillecelebration723.



### 'the whole, lovely, kit n'caboodle' CONT. FROM PG 14

poised while

wanton and wild

golden rod suddenly nods harbor seals disappear and dip

gulls veer sails billow

tossed in the hollow

heron in the shallows holds onto a one legged

stand still

The dancerly movement on the page is McKim's transfer of motion from the rhythm of sound to pictorially shaped image. We can feel the heron's leg as a rod holding the center of the poem from top to bottom. Her title might be a private pun, a tease to her jazz poems, or her need to do that.

As the poet is in the free fall with all of us, so she is also one of the lovers. She speaks most often "in the numinous luminous name of love." Sometimes she speaks from "these blazing discs of memory" of her parents, her sisters, of those gone from life, but never from her memory, and of those still in her life and precious.

Some of her love poems present an intensity of intimacy, her language simple, direct and so strong we can feel it in our own bodies. From "the cusp/ of loving" in WATCH

I watch you
from upside/ the head
from waterbed, ......
from when you look at me

from when I look at you
from LETTER
I want to know the sound of your steps
In the city where you survive
I want to know how you breathe

from WHEN WE LOVE
We love strongly
We come as guests
And we don't know when to leave

and, finally, from the beginning and the ending of  $\mathit{IFIASK}$ 

If I ask you to come home Will you? ......I will go Anywhere you are going.

Wherever you go, take Lovers in the Free Fall with you.

Karen Klein: poet/dancer, founder of teXtmoVes poetry/dance collaborative, former member Prometheus Dance Elders Ensemble, retired faculty English, Humanities. Women's Studies. Brandeis University.

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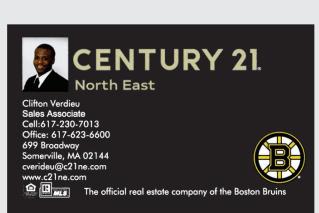
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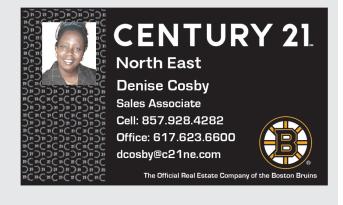
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